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JORGENSEN, Rolf Jess ) Examiner: LEVY, E.  
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For: A METHOD OF PREVENTING ) Docket No.: JORGENSEN=2  
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In response to the office action mailed January 18, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24 and 32.

Please amend claims 14, 23, 28, 30 and 31 to read as follows:

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14 (amended). A composition for preventing parturient hypocalcemia in an animal, comprising, in a suitable form for peroral administration, at least one compound which reduces the absorption of calcium from the drinking water and/or from the ration of said animal, wherein the compound is encapsulated by a calcium-free membrane material, which at the body temperature of the lactating animal is solid at a pH value above 4.0 but which dissolves at pH below 4.0.

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23 (twice amended). The composition according to claim 14 where the compound is encapsulated by a compound selected from the group consisting of a fat, a soap, a stearate, a protein, a polysaccharide, a cellulose, a gum, a glycol, gelatine and a derivative derivable from any such compound by not more than two